GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF EAM TO BANGLADESH
Nikhil Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether he has recently visited Bangladesh and held discussion with various leaders on different issues; and

(b) If so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

a) Yes Sir, External Affairs Minister visited Bangladesh from 6-8 August 2005.

b) During the visit, External Affairs Minister met the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Leader of Opposition in addition to having delegation level talks with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. Issues pertaining to security, illegal immigration, border fencing, trade and commerce, investments and UN reforms were discussed. The two sides also concluded a Cultural Exchange Programme during the visit. The visit was warmly welcomed by the government of Bangladesh.